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What was practically the first Horse Show ever held at Alexandria took place on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Trotter Egyptian, at the ex-Velodrome, Rond Point. That the show would be a success was certain from the large number of entries which had been received, but the actual results of their laudable efforts exceeded all the expectations of the committee. To the members of the latter we tender our hearty congratulations. Considering the fact that this was the first attempt of the kind at Alexandria, and the very short time taken in organisation, besides the advanced date in the season, they have every reason to be gratified. Something like £100 was taken as gate money on Saturday; and it was plainly evident that the show was a popular fixture, which will no doubt become an annual one.

Among those present on the grounds we noticed H.H. Prince Omar Toussoun, Thurneysen Pasha, Comte de Vauvineux, Baron and Baroness von Humboldt-Dachroeden, Barons A. and E. de Menasse, Col. Lewis, Lieut.-Col. Lucas, Miralal Hopkinson Bey, Capt. Gillson, Izet Pasha, Ibrahim Bey Cherif, Mr. A. E. Benachi, Mr. A. S. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lang Anderson, Mr. Henry Barker, Mr. A. J. Michaelides, Mr. A. Sorsock, etc.

The "concours" began at 9.30 a.m. and were continued almost without intermission up to seven in the evening. In Class 1, for thoroughbred stallions, H.H. Prince Mohamed Ibrahim showed Fra Antonio, a very fine made animal, which was the only one shown, but would no doubt have beaten all comers. The winner of Class 3, Mr. A. J. Michaelides' mare Actis, was a perfect chestnut, half English and half Arab; Mr. E. Karam's Bergère, who was second, appeared to be lacking in good points. In Class 2, Prince Omar Toussoun took first prize with Sultan, a fine bay. Mr. Sorsock's Bright night have carried off first prize in this class, had it not been for the unsoundness of his hocks. In Class 4, Mr. Michaelides' Actis was again an easy first. Prince Omar Toussoun took first prize in class 5 with Moutfakhar, a fine big upstanding C.B. who is not unknown on the race-course. There was some difference of opinion among the public as to who should be first in Class 21, but Lampo was undoubtedly a truer trotter than his rival Nelly Laine. Espoir, a swift goer, who is the best trotting horse in Egypt, of course took first place in Class 22. Mr. C. W. Hemp fully deserved first in the polo pony class with his Grand Slam, a pony which is very quick in his movements and turning to a polo ball, and was far ahead of the other exhibits. Class 23 was for Arab police horses, and the six which showed were as good looking and well turned out as could be. It was a matter of difficulty for the judges to choose the best, but ultimately the prize went to Shawish Goma. The blue ribbon in Class 19 would probably have gone to Mr. Amato had that gentleman's horse not been a trained trotter. As it was, judged on its individual merits, Mr. A. Sorsock's horse secured the honors. In Class 19, for European horses in single harness, Mr. A. E. Benachi's No. 13 was much fancied by the judges for his manners and paces, though opinion on the other side of the fence leaned towards Mr. Benachi's other horse, No. 12. In Class 12, the winners, Mr. C. Tamvaco's pair, were undoubtedly the best of their class, but they would have made a better appearance, we think, without bearing reins, as then they could have carried themselves more naturally. In Class 8, for heavy weights, we were pleased to see the blue ribbon go to Thurneysen Pasha, while for light weights Mr. A. E. Benachi's Shellal, the well-known old racer, was the first among a fine selection, and seemed in the pink of condition, being well ridden by Mr. J. Taylor. There was a poor turn-out of tandems, only two exhibits coming forward, of which Mr. Lian's was the best. The obstacle jump could not be classed as an unqualified success, the only horse that distinguished himself being Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Saclawy. In this event, unfortunately, Thurneysen Pasha, who was third with Azlan, met with a rather nasty spill, his horse fouling the water jump. The Pasha fell on his head and sustained slight injuries, which, however, did not prevent him from winning the first prize in the subsequent high jump with the same horse. Master Zervudachi's turn-out in Class 10, for ponies of 12½ hands, was a pretty one, and we should have liked to have seen more of the same thing. There were four entries for the four-in-hand class, but as Ibrahim Bey Cherif did not come on the ground until too late with what was undoubtedly the best turn-out, the prize went to Mr. Amato, who caused some comment by turning up with a team selected from different stables. In the Arab Hack class the winner, Feroos, a well-made pony, was splendidly ridden by Mrs. Kellham. There was some difference of opinion as to which horse should get third prize, but Miss Allen's Maroof was chosen ultimately on his manners. The Governess Cars class only produced one exhibit, namely that of Mr. C. Zervudachi. This might have been made a very pretty event with more entries. Class 11 was very satisfactory and brought out no less than 15 pairs, the turn-out being remarkably fine. The entries were all of them good, but there was no doubt that Mr. A. E. Benachi's pair was superior to the others. They showed good training and were well handled. Saleh Bey Abousbach's pair, which took second prize, were a very fine pair but had only one pace. Baron A. de Menasse's pair, which were equal second, wanted a little more training although they were well matched. This was the last class, and at the conclusion there was a march past of all the winners. Thus a very successful and enjoy-

able meeting, which was enlivened by selections by the Bellini Band, was brought to a close.

The judging, we believe, gave every satisfaction, no favoritism whatever having been shown. The judges were: Prince Omar Toussoun, Prince Mohamed Ibrahim, Hassan Pasha Mohsen, Khalil Pasha Khatay, Isaac Bey Hussein, Ibrahim Bey Cherif, Hussein Bey Sionfi, Ahmed Bey Bakri, Thurneysen Pasha, Comte de Vauvineux, Miralal H. Hopkinson Bey, Baron A. de Menasse, Mr. A. S. Preston, Lt. Col. Lucas, Capt. Gillson, Mr. F. C. Haseldan, Mr. H. Barker, Mr. J. P. Rodocanachi, Mr. E. Karam, and Mr. John Sinadino. The clerk of the course, Mr. J. Taylor, who was assisted by Mr. Ch. della Marra, rendered yeoman's service, and much of the success of the meeting is due to him. The stewards, also, deserve considerable credit for their share in the success. They were: Baron Emile de Menasse, Mr. Leon Aghion, Mr. J. Vlasto, Mr. Angelo Bolonachi, and Mr. A. Michaelides.

A lunch was served on the grounds at noon, over 100 persons sitting down to it.

The following is a list of the prize-winners:—
CLASS 1. Thoroughbred Stallions, not Arab.—1. Prince Mohamed Ibrahim's Fra Antonio.
CLASS 2. Mares, not Arab.—1. Mr. A. J. Michaelides' Actis; 2. Mr. E. Karam's Bergère.

CLASS 2. Arab Stallions.—1. Prince Omar Toussoun's Sultan; 2. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Mansour; 3. Mr. N. Sorsock's Bright.

CLASS 4. Arab and C.B. Mares.—1. Mr. A. J. Michaelides' Actis; 2. Mr. Leon Aghion's Lady White; 3. Mr. Filavachi's Lady Gray.

CLASS 5. Country Breda.—1. Prince Omar Toussoun's Moutfakhar; 2. Mr. Chini's Bébé.

CLASS 21. European Trotting Horses.—1. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Lampo; 2. Omar Bey Sultan's Nelly Laine; 3. Hussein Bey Sionfi's Naghib.

CLASS 22. Arab and C.B. Trotting Horses.—1. Saleh Bey Cherif's Espoir; 2. Mr. Antonio Amato's Rapide.

CLASS 23. Polo Ponies.—1. Mr. C. W. Hemp's Grand Slam; 2. Mr. J. B. Bassett's The Nipper; 3. Mr. C. Bartlett's Roy.

CLASS 23. Arab Police Horses.—1. Shawish Goma's mount.

CLASS 19. Arab and C.B. Horses, in single harness.—1. Mr. Albert Sorsock; 2. Mr. S. Wilkinson; 3. Mr. X. Constantinides.

CLASS 18. European Horses in single harness.—1. Mr. E. A. Benachi; 2. Mr. X. Constantinides; 3. Mr. N. Sorsock; highly commended, Mr. G. Lian and Sobhi Bey Erphan.

CLASS 12. Arab and C.B. Horses in pairs.—1. Mr. C. Tamvaco; 2. Mr. Albert Sorsock; 3. Mr. Leon Aghion.

CLASS 8. Arab Saddle Horses.—(Light weights). 1. Mr. E. A. Benachi's Shellal; 2. Mr. Giglio's Boy; 3. Mr. Kellham's Feroos. (Heavy weights). 1. Thurneysen Pasha's Tab; 2. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Mansour; 3. Prince Omar Toussoun's Gazal.

CLASS 16. Tandems.—1. Mr. George Lian; 2. Mr. Chini.

CLASS 9. Obstacle Jumps for all Horses.—1. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Saclawy; 2. Mr. Waller's Shirky; 3. Thurneysen Pasha's Azlan.

CLASS 10. Ponies of 12½ hands and under in single harness.—1. Mr. J. Chini's Bébé; 2. Mr. C. Zervudachi's Zarifa.

CLASS 17. Four-in-Hands.—1. Mr. Antoine Amato; 2. Baron Alfred de Menasse; 3. Sobhi Bey Erphan.

CLASS 13. Arab Hacks ridden by Ladies.—1. Mrs. Kellham's Feroos; 2. Miss E. Allen's Tourgal; equal third, Mr. Hemp's Grand Slam (ridden by Mrs. Timmins) and Miss A. Allen's Maroof.

CLASS 15. High Jump.—1. Thurneysen Pasha's Azlan; 2. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's Saclawy; 3. Mr. Waller's Shirky.

CLASS 20. Governess Cars.—1. Mr. C. Zervudachi.

CLASS 11. European Horses driven in pairs.—1. Mr. E. A. Benachi; 2. Saleh Bey Abousbach and Baron A. de Menasse; 3. Mr. X. Constantinides and Mr. G. L. Sorsock.

A. S. C. GYMKHANA.

We understand that a gymkhana will be held on the A.S.C. grounds on the 24th inst., full particulars of which will appear in due course.

SECRET OF RUSSIAN REVERSES.

In our opinion, says the "Cornhill" for June, the real secret of the Russian reverses—and if we are right it is one that leaves no hope for the future—lies in their inferior organisation, the absence in any considerable degree of the capacity for combined action on the part of the higher commanders, and, above all, in the fact that their infantry, individually and collectively, are inferior to their opponents in battle. The larger the armies which are employed, the more difficult does clear insight into the dispositions of the enemy become, the greater grows the proportion of events which must be controlled by local commanders, and the more vital the need of intelligent co-operation. But even the possession of these qualities is by itself insufficient to secure victory.

It is impossible for any commander to control these vast seas of combat, of which the fluctuations, indefiniteness, and extent present problems of a strategic rather than of a tactical nature, if he remains on the defensive. He will do well to abandon Russian formalism, to throw aside all ideas of a central reserve—which, as at Mukden, may arrive too late and too exhausted for attack or defence—and by an unshrinking offensive to endeavour to upset his opponent's combinations and force him to conform to his own.

The strategic defensive has long been condemned by all schools of military opinion; it would seem that the tactical defensive, as it comes to approximate more and more to the properties of the strategic, is similarly doomed.

COTTON PLANTERS AND SPINNERS.

SUGGESTED PRICE CONVENTION.

"The Manchester Guardian" says:—"In view of the approaching International Cotton Congress in Manchester the attention of thoughtful people engaged in the trade is being turned to the practical possibilities of common action for the common good. The questions of the supply and price of the raw material are naturally the first to engage attention, for the most acute troubles of the trade have been due to short supplies of the raw material and to violent fluctuations in its price resulting from speculative manipulation.

Our Manchester contemporary reproduces a draft agreement between spinners and growers for the regulation of cotton prices which was drawn up by a well-known English spinner and has already been under the consideration of the Convention of American Cotton-growers which met at New Orleans last January. The price of middling American cotton in Liverpool when the Convention met at New Orleans on January 21 was 3½d. per lb. Within three weeks the price was raised to 4½d., and this has been the average price ever since, with an average weekly fluctuation of only three thirty-seconds of a penny. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the Cotton-growers' Convention was the means of effecting the change. If, then, the cotton-growers have this year, by concerted action in abstaining from selling, saved themselves from a disastrous collapse of prices, just as last year the English Master Spinners' Federation, by concerted action in abstaining from buying, saved themselves from a threatened corner, it may pertinently be asked whether the two organisations—the International Spinners' Committee on the one hand and the Southern Cotton-growers' Convention on the other hand—might not join in making a treaty to conserve the legitimate interests of both.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—The amount of twaddle talked by your various correspondents on the subject of pigeon shooting at the Alexandria Sporting Club is extraordinary. For example, "British Pigeon" bases his (or her) argument on the grounds that no game or pastime distasteful to some of the members of the club should be introduced into the A.S.C. Therefore a small clique of members may block the introduction of any game or pastime, however much the rest of the club may be in favor of it. The non-English members of the club are the main supporters of the club financially and there would be no races at all but for them, while the English on the other hand have a far greater share in the benefits of the club, in regard to polo, for example,—in proportion to what they pay towards the club, as it is obvious that the polo-players have a larger share of the club allotted to them than they should have compared with the limited number who play. Another of the arguments advanced by "British Pigeon" is that pigeon-shooting is disapproved of by their Queen! Can we therefore be permitted to have bull fights at the A.S.C., for Edward VII. approves of that form of "sport," as he attended such a spectacle when in Lisbon not long ago! Edward VII. when in Paris goes to the races on Sunday. I presume therefore that is an absolutely valid reason to the mind of "British Pigeon" for the A.S.C. to hold races on the Day of Rest! Because any Sovereign (or his consort) to whom the many subjects of various European nations, members of the A.S.C., owe allegiance, approve or disapprove of any sport or pastime, is it a valid argument that their tastes should be consulted in the matter at all! "British Pigeon" on this line of argument would, I presume, be perfectly willing to allow any Spaniards, if members of the A.S.C., to indulge in pigeon shooting there because it is the favorite sport of the King of Spain! If it is such a wicked pastime why was it in vogue at Hurlingham up to only a few days ago! All the arguments are nonsense, and if the English members of the A.S.C. object let them leave the club and form one of their own.—I am, etc.,
"PHANAR."
Alexandria, June 4.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—It does one good to see the noble stand that the Alexandrians are making against pigeon-shooting. I have read the strong protests that have been appearing day by day of late in the "Egyptian Gazette" against this barbarous project and it is pleasant to know that the European colonies at Alexandria number so many earnest members, ever ready to fight the good fight. Would that we had many such stalwarts in Cairo! But now that the campaign has begun it ought not to be allowed to be confined merely to pigeon shooting. Betting is a far greater evil in my opinion, and one of the most pressing reforms needed in the Khedivial and Alexandria Sporting Clubs is the extermination of the parimutuel. We all know the terrible lengths to which betting on races goes on in England, but here it is worse, for by the parimutuel vice is recognised and systematised in a way it never is at home. I do not go so far as to say that racing is bad in itself, but if it cannot be carried on without betting it ought to be stopped. Will not the English members of the Alexandria Sporting Club lead the way!

Public opinion in that city seems to be in a far healthier and robust state than it is here. Why then should you not set an example to the Sporting Club at Cairo, which I am sure will be obliged to follow the example of Alexandria, if it is given the necessary lead? We pay far too much attention to mere material reforms, for what is the use of irrigation or sound finance, if the soul is allowed to wither? I am, etc.,
"VIGILANS."
Cairo, June 4.

PUMPS IN EGYPT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—We had not intended to trouble you with any further communication upon this subject, but the letter you published in your issue of the 3rd inst. from Mr. John Gwynne calls for a few lines in reply. Permit us to point out that Mr. Gwynne has completely misunderstood our letter in your issue of 8th May. The object of this letter was to confirm from our own experience (extending over 40 years in this country) the statements of the "Times" correspondent that Continental-made pumps had been coming more and more into favor in this country until two or three years ago. This we repeat to be a fact, in spite of all statements to the contrary. Our object in mentioning that we had in past years represented Messrs. J. & H. Gwynne and Messrs. Gwynne & Co. and others was with the view of showing that we had had considerable experience in the matter under discussion. We do not imagine the circumstances which led to our discontinuing business relations with these two firms are of the smallest interest to the public, though our recollection of them differs entirely from that mentioned in Mr. Gwynne's letter. Neither do we propose to allude further to the origin of our own business connection with Egypt, beyond stating that the date it commenced was 1864 and not 1868. These details, though interesting to ourselves, have nothing to do with the question under discussion. There is one point, however, upon which Mr. Gwynne is apparently labouring under a misapprehension; he more than once alludes to "our principals," evidently meaning thereby the firms from whom we purchase our machinery. Our firm purchases such machinery as fixed engines and pumps from any makers it pleases, and buys what from its own experience it considers best suited to the requirements of this country. We are free to purchase pumps from any British or Continental maker who is willing to sell them to us as we may desire.

Returning now to the actual circumstances that gave rise to this correspondence, we may say that we have frequently in the past supplied machinery for driving pumps made by Continental firms. We have ourselves imported such pumps and have some in stock at this moment. We have had probably a larger experience in centrifugal pumps than any firm in this country, having sold some thousands in the last 40 years. Messrs. Ruston Proctor & Co., Limited, being anxious to secure as large a share of our business as possible, agreed to design a pump that should at all events equal anything the best Continental makers could offer us. We speak of things as we find them, and hold no brief for any special maker, but when we found a firm who was willing to spend hundreds of pounds in tests and experiments in the endeavour to meet our requirements we naturally considered such enterprise worth mentioning. It is so frequently advanced that British makers will not improve their manufactures, nor adapt them to the special requirements of their customers, that this exception was the more noteworthy.

Messrs. Ruston Proctor and Co. Limited's "Helical" pump is not, as your correspondent appears to infer, an exact copy of any particular pump, but a pump designed on and embodying the best points of all the pumps, both British and foreign, that they tested. These tests, we are informed, revealed some most extraordinary facts; thus one maker's pump of a certain size gave the poor result of 45% only. Each test was repeated many times to eliminate, as far as possible, all chance of error. With their own pump Messrs. Ruston altered and retested their patterns until they had got each size to give approximately the same modulus.

We must leave the Continental makers to reply or not, as they should think fit, to your correspondent's charge of having copied his manufactures.

As regards mechanical efficiency we can only repeat and confirm what we stated in our letter of May 8th, viz., that the tests, to which we alluded, of the Continental pumps in some cases revealed an efficiency "much in excess of what British makers are as a rule disposed to guarantee." We are quite aware that the maximum mechanical efficiency of a pump is obtained only on given conditions.

In conclusion, if we are to be blamed for learning from our opponents and endeavouring to move with the times, then we have "sinned indeed," but as a set-off we can feel that we can procure from Messrs. Ruston Proctor & Co., Limited, a pump far superior to any we have sold before and which is giving complete satisfaction to our customers. We have no intention of impugning the veracity of Mr. Gwynne's statements as to the performance of his manufactures, and as regards the proposal in the last paragraph but one of his letter, we can only say that such a comparison as he suggests is a practical impossibility which we have neither the time nor the opportunity to attempt.—Yours faithfully,

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